

NATION HEAD DIGS INTO STRIKE CASE

BALKANS ARE
IN MIDST OF
HARD BATTLE

Official Bulgarian Statement
Tells of Violent Fighting
on That Front.

STOP ALLIED DRIVES

Announcement Claims the
Heavy Attacks of Entente
Are All Repulsed.

London, Aug. 17. (12:40 p. m.)—Heavy fighting on the Balkan front is reported in an official Bulgarian statement received here today from Sofia. The allied forces delivered strong infantry attacks but were repulsed.

The fighting occurred in the region of Lake Doiran, northwest of Saloniki near the Greco-Serbian border. Several encounters have taken place in this vicinity of late but the official Bulgarian statement indicates that larger forces are being employed against the Bulgarians.

"On the evening of Aug. 14," the statement says, "the enemy's artillery opened a violent bombardment of our advanced positions south and west of Lake Doiran. Under cover of this fire the enemy's infantry attacked but was repulsed."

"The bombardment continued and on the morning of the 15th the infantry again attacked with considerable force but was compelled to fall back in considerable disorder."

The French war office announced last night that engagements were occurring frequently along the whole front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guilleme.

French Report.
Paris, Aug. 17. (noon).—A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maurepas, in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. There were no infantry attacks during the night.

The announcement follows:
"On the Somme front the enemy made no attempt at a counter-attack during the night."
"Our troops are organizing the positions they won. Artillery fighting continues with great violence north of Maurepas and in the Belloy-Ru-Santerre sector."

"On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

British Report.
London, Aug. 17. (The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guilleme.

German Report.
Berlin, Aug. 17. (French and British troops made heavy attacks on the Somme front yesterday, but were beaten back by the Germans, says the official announcement of today.

In a severe battle north of the Somme the allies sustained heavy losses. South of the river the French were able to obtain a foothold in first line German trenches, the statement adds.

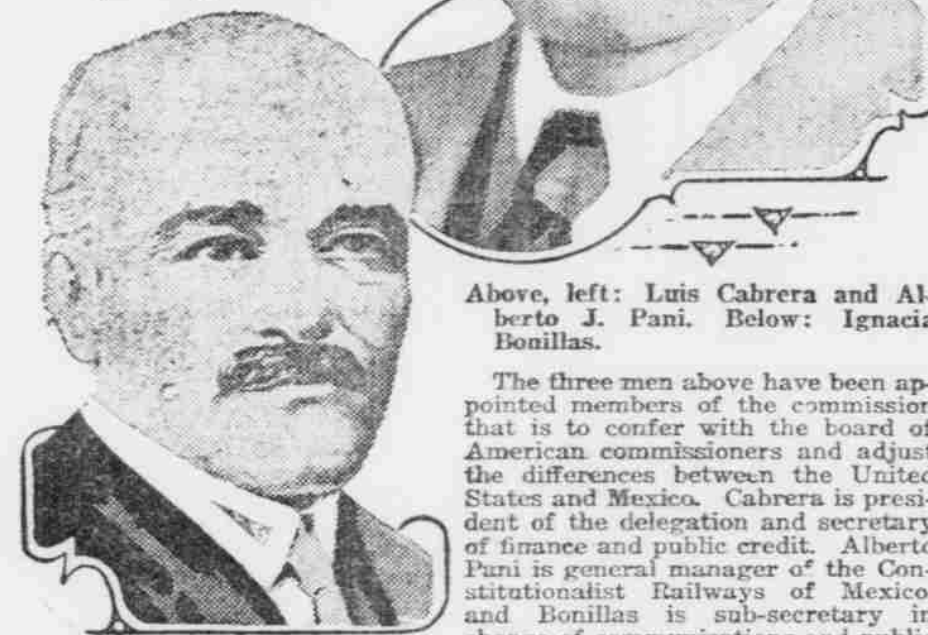
Latest Bulletins

London, Aug. 17.—Premier Asquith announced today that parliament would adjourn on Tuesday or Wednesday next until Oct. 10.

London, Aug. 17.—The sinking of the German steamship Weser of Hamburg, 1,028 tons gross, by a submarine a fortnight ago is reported in an Exchange telegraph from Copenhagen. The crew was saved.

Decatur, Ill., Aug. 17.—Five thousand bushels of ear and shelled corn, a carload of wheat, oats and rye were destroyed today when the East End elevator burned at Sullivan. The total loss was \$17,000.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 17.—The train dispatchers' office of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway here today reported that a train had been derailed near Lind, Wash., and that one man had been killed.

MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS SELECTED TO
ADJUST WITH U. S. OUR DIFFERENCES

Above, left: Luis Cabrera and Alberto Pani. Below: Ignacio Bonillas.

The three men above have been appointed members of the commission that is to confer with the board of American commissioners and adjust the differences between the United States and Mexico. Cabrera is president of the delegation and secretary of finance and public credit. Alberto Pani is general manager of the Constitutional Railways of Mexico, and Bonillas is sub-secretary in charge of communications and public works.

SEEK WAY TO STOP
PLAGUE'S SPREAD

Government Health Service Discovers
Measures to Prevent Further
Scattering of Disease.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Measures to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis were discussed here today in a conference called by the public health service under the authority of congress for such councils in an epidemic of national danger.

Delegates from nearly all states were present today with detailed reports of the spread of the plague over the country.

In welcoming the delegates Secretary McAdoo expressed hope for federal and states coordination of preventive measures and regulations.

Assistant Surgeon General A. H. Glennan, in the absence of Surgeon General Blue, opened the conference which is expected to continue two days.

The exact figures from 38 states showed 11,117 cases, not confined to cities by any means. Many were reported on farms. Few suggestions were offered regarding the possible origin. Most speakers saw little necessity of a quarantine by other states against travelers from the east. Practically all state officers reported rigid local quarantine regulations.

Since the outbreak of the present epidemic the number of cases reported in Illinois was 206 and in Iowa 25.

ANOTHER \$50,000
GOES TO PROHIBS

Is Second Sum of That Size Given by
Coffin and Wife to Campaign Fund
of Dry Party.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the national prohibition party's campaign fund, by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Coffin of Johnstown, Pa., was announced here today. They previously had given \$50,000 to the fund. The \$100,000 is to be made the nucleus for a campaign fund of \$1,000,000. The gifts are in the nature of property and Florida real estate.

To handle property thus acquired a charter organization to be known as the prohibition foundation has been formed by the national party leaders. The foundation will serve as a clearing house for all general and special funds which may be turned over to the national committee. The expenditure of the money will be largely in the hands of Virgil G. Hinshaw of Chicago, the national chairman.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity

Partly cloudy tonight. Friday generally fair and continued warmer. Highest temperature yesterday, 89; lowest last night, 70; at 7 a. m. today 72.

Velocity of wind three miles an hour.
Humidity at 7 p. m. 42; at 7 a. m. 73.
Stage of water, 4.2 feet, with a fall of .2 of a foot in the last 24 hours.
J. M. SHERIDAN, Local Forecaster.

DEMOS ADOPT
PLANS FOR A
STRONG RACE

Program Agreed Upon for
Vigorous Campaign on Na-
tional and State Tickets.

MEETING IN CHICAGO

Decide to Reassemble Con-
vention at Springfield
to End Details.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Plans for a vigorous campaign in Illinois in behalf of the national and state democratic tickets were adopted today at a conference of party leaders called by the state central committee. The chairman and secretary of every democratic county committee in the state were invited to attend and each county sent representatives.

It was decided to reassemble the democratic state convention at Springfield Sept. 23, to nominate three candidates for university trustee and adopt a party platform for the state campaign and to observe Sept. 21 as democratic day at the Illinois state fair at Springfield.

Prominent Democrats Present.

Chairman Arthur W. Charles of the democratic state committee presided at the conference and among those present were: Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana, manager of the western campaign headquarters of the democratic national committee, National Committeeman Charles Boeschstein, former national Committeeman Roger C. Sullivan, Lieutenant Governor Barratt O'Hara, Secretary of State Lewis G. Stevenson and William B. Brinton of Dixon, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

Charles to Name Committees.

Chairman Charles was directed to appoint the necessary committees and organize the different bureaus for the carrying on of the national state congress in Illinois. He also was instructed to have a canvass of the state made without delay. The conference took no action on the governors' primary contest between Governor Edward F. Dunne and William B. Brinton of Dixon.

Party Bound to Win.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, reviewed the administration of President Wilson and predicted democratic victory in November. He criticized Charles E. Hughes for his alleged failure to outline a constructive policy in his campaign speeches.

"I have an abiding faith in the issue of the national democratic campaign," said Senator Walsh. "We are going to win because we ought to. There is a deep seated conviction that it would be nothing short of a crime to risk a change in national administration at this time when the country is facing so many serious problems."

He said he expected the state organization to cooperate in every possible way with the national committee in the conduct of the campaign.

Moose to Vote for Wilson.

Thomas Donovan, of Joliet said that 25 per cent of the progressive party would vote the democratic ticket this fall and that a committee should be named to work among former members of the bull moose.

A downstate leader prepared and threatened to introduce a resolution protesting against Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma and Carl C. Vrooman, assistant secretary of the department of agriculture, taking an active part in the Illinois campaign or being given executive positions in the Chicago headquarters of the democratic national committee because of their action in stamping Illinois against Roger C. Sullivan, democratic candidate for United States senator in 1914, but National Committeeman Boeschstein succeeded in inducing him to suppress it in the interest of harmony.

WILL SOON NAME
MEN FOR MEETING

Mexico City, Aug. 17.—Foreign Minister Aguilar stated today that he had received assurances from Washington that the American delegates to the international conference between Mexico and the United States will be chosen within the next three or four days.

The question of a successor to the late Juan Nefelti, Amador as subsecretary of foreign relations was under consideration, said the foreign minister but he was not prepared to disclose the names of the men suggested for the post.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Secretary Lansing today assured Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador-designate, that the American members of the Mexican commission to discuss border disputes would be appointed very soon and explained that the delay was caused by President Wilson's occupation with the threatened strike.

GARRETSON IS BIG
FIGURE IN RAILWAY
MEDIATION MEET

A. B. Garretson.

One of the most important figures in the mediation of the railway transportation problems which will arise if the demands of the 400,000 employees are not granted is A. B. Garretson, president of the railway conductors' association. Mr. Garretson was appointed during the term of office of President Taft as one of the representatives of labor on the industrial commission which investigated the working conditions of the country and which was created by congress to make more amicable the relations of capital and labor.

New York Is
Again Scene
of Car Crisis

New York, Aug. 17.—A conference today between Frank Hedley, general manager of the New York Railways company and a committee of union leaders and employees failed to bring their differences, which threatened a renewal of the recent strike, any nearer a settlement.

New York, Aug. 17.—Authorized by their union to call a strike of all surface lines, of the New York railways, a committee of union employees of the railways company today held a conference with the general manager, Frank Hedley, to demand a settlement of grievances which have developed since the recent street car strike. Two thousand employees of the New York Railways company voted last night to quit work if their grievances were not adjusted. Before going on strike, however, they voted to call upon Mayor Mitchell and the chairman of the down state public service commission to use their influence to induce the officials of the company to put into effect agreements which were made as a result of the strike early this month.

Members of the street car men's union have voted to sustain the committee in conference with Mr. Hedley today in insisting upon recognition of the union, reinstatement of union men discharged, it is alleged because of their union activities and for the right to meet officials of the company to request higher wages and better working conditions.

William B. Fitzgerald, general organizer of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees, says that if the union calls a strike on the surface car lines the men employed on the elevated and subway routes in Manhattan also will be called out.

CORPORAL HELD
IN MURDER CASE

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 17.—Corporal Carl Dunches, assigned to the quartermaster corps of the United States army, faced charges in the Cameron county court today of murder and assault to murder in connection with the killing last night of Corporal James Clement, C. company, Second Virginia Infantry, and the wounding of Senorita Sofia Valdes, a Mexican girl. Clement's home was in Warrenton, Va. The Virginian was killed, it is charged, when he sought to protect the Mexican girl from Dunches' advances. Dunches shot and killed Clement and wounded the girl. Dunches then fired three shots with the intention, it was said, of killing himself. Only one took effect, that producing a slight flesh wound.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon. Debate on shipping bill resumed.

Naval conferees reach final agreement on disputed sections of appropriation bill.

Announcement made that immigration bill will be pressed at this session.

HOUSE.

No session; meets Friday.

WILSON CALLS RAILROAD
PRESIDENTS TO CAPITAL
TO ACT IN CONFERENCESPRESIDENT'S PLAN
FOR SETTLING THE
STRIKE SITUATION

As closely as it may be outlined, the president's plan of settling the dispute follows:

1. The railroads must concede without qualification the 8-hour day at the present pay for 10 hours.
2. The men must agree not to insist upon their demand for pay and one-half for overtime until a commission with plenary powers has had an opportunity to investigate and report on the cost of the demand to the carriers.
3. The railroads must waive their counter proposals altogether.
4. Both the railroads and the men must agree to get together on the findings of the commission with respect to the cost of the overtime scheme. If those findings develop the fact that the cost would be excessive to the carriers the men must consent to pro rata pay instead of pay and a half. If the findings disclose the men should receive more than pro rata for overtime the railroads must consent to put into effect the recommendations.

PROWLER KILLED
BY MILL GUARDS

Young Polish Worker Shot to Death at
La Salle—Situation Grows More
Alarming.

La Salle, Ill., Aug. 17.—Two guards at the German-American cement plant, Joseph Burkhardt and W. A. Davy, were removed to jail at Ottawa today as a result of the killing last night of a young Polish worker who was discovered, the guards say, prowling around the plant. The victim was shot to death.

The shooting resulted in the first death since the strike of cement workers was declared more than a month ago. Guards in large numbers are said to have been imported to protect the mills.

Conditions in the strike zone, the authorities say, are becoming more alarming and a request may be made that state troops be returned here. State's Attorney Wiley of Ottawa arrived here today to investigate the situation.

The investigation into the cause of the fire, which Wednesday night destroyed the warehouse of the German-American company, is under way. Authorities believe the blaze was of incendiary origin.

THE WAR TODAY

After scoring important gains in the Somme region, both north and south of the river, the French are busily making preparations for the expected German counter stroke.

No such attack developed last night but the Paris bulletin today reports intense artillery activity north of Maurepas.

The new allied advance north of the Somme weakens the hold of the Germans on Guilleme and Maurepas, which latter place the French already partly hold. The objective of the operation is the important railroad town of Peronne.

Today's London official statement reports the pushing forward of the British line west and southwest of Guilleme.

Further indications of the stiffening of the Teutonic resistance to the Russian advance in Galicia is contained in today's statement from Petrograd which announces renewed counter attacks by the Austro-German forces.

Indications of important activity in the Balkans are increasing.

From the Russian front, the scene of important developments yesterday shifted back to the Somme front where the British and French stormed nearly three miles of German trenches, driving forward at points to a depth of 300 to 500 yards. Maurepas and Clercy have been flanked on both sides and official statements say the allies are directly in front of the large railroad town of Combes. South of the Somme, the French stormed German trenches along three-quarters of a mile.

For the first time in several days no important action is reported either from the Russian or Italian fronts. The most interesting item of news regarding the Italian advance against Trieste is contained in a dispatch from Milan which says that German troops are to be employed in the defense of the Austrian port. If corroborated, this means that Italy and Germany will at last enter an active state of war.

German troops have won a success in the Carpathian region, Berlin says, capturing Starawipowzyna, north of Capul.

The forces of the entente allies on the Saloniki front have captured the railroad station at Doiran and four villages at other points on the front.

Executive Invites Heads of
Principal Roads of Na-
tion to Washington.

MANAGERS DROP PLAN

Is Believed They Refuse to
Concede Eight-Hour Day
—Awaiting Chiefs.

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Wilson today invited the presidents of the principal roads of the country to come to Washington immediately to confer with him on the threatened railroad strike. Pending their arrival he does not plan to see the committee of managers here with whom he has been meeting.

The president sent the following telegram to the leading railroad presidents:

Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment and with the presidents of any other railways affected who may be immediately accessible. Hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington at once.

Seek "Ultimate Authority."

In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents cannot speak absolutely for their roads, he may invite to the White House the managers who control them. Officials said today that the president wants to deal with the "ultimate authority" on both sides, in order that negotiations may be conducted here.

Presenters Plan to Employ.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the president was to have presented his plan to the full committee of 640 employees in the hope of getting them to approve it. The result will be presented to the railroad presidents later.

Early this morning Secretary Tumulty telephoned to Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, regarding the invitation to the railroad presidents to come to the White House, and Mr. Willard said he would do everything possible to arrange a conference. The president of the federal board of mediation and conciliation held a brief conference with the brotherhood heads this morning. Further than to say he had one question on which he wanted a definite answer and that he got it, the conferees would not discuss the nature of his visit. Mr. Chambers went to the White House immediately upon leaving the brotherhood officials.

Settlement Still Possible.

"I should like to say that the situation still is hopeful," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employees, said after Mr. Chambers had left. "Hopeful is hardly the word I should use. I should say, though, that I deem a settlement still possible."

The president's action in asking for the presidents themselves is interpreted as meaning that the managers had refused finally to concede the eight-hour day as the president's plan proposed and the question now is to be taken up with the heads of the railroads themselves.

Refuse Eight-Hour Day Plan.

The situation today was this: The railroad men have refused to concede the eight-hour day, but are willing to arbitrate that question and all others before any tribunal the president or the men may decide upon.

The men are willing to arbitrate some questions under certain conditions and are unwilling to arbitrate others.

Names of Invited Chiefs.

President Wilson's invitation was sent to the following railroad presidents:

Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio; Samuel Rea, Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Southern railway; Samuel M. Felton, Chicago & Great Western; George W. Stevens, Chesapeake & Ohio; William Sproule, Southern Pacific; E. E. Calvin, Union Pacific; L. F. Loree, Delaware & Hudson; W. J. Harahan, Seaboard Air Line; Howard Elliott, New Haven; B. F. Bush, Missouri Pacific; A. H. Smith, New York Central; W. D. Emery, Erie, and William H. Truesdale, Lackawanna.

May Open Old Issue.

Some of the leaders of the men were planning to meet the demand of the railroad managers for arbitration by insisting to President Wilson that 75 more lines for which railroad managers contend they have no authority

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Put Embargo on Grain.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 17.—On account of accumulation an embargo effective Aug. 16, has been placed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on all grain shipments for export from here.

Hemp Warehouses Burn.

Manila, Aug. 17.—Warehouses in which hemp was stored at Tacloban, on the island of Leyte, have been burned, causing a loss of 750,000 pesos.